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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KHAMA'S INDEPENDENCE MESSAGES TO
PRESIDENT MACHEL

1. BOTSWANA'S PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA, HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING TWO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO SAMORA MACHEL. THE FIRST, IN A LETTER DATED JUNE 20, 1975, IS AS FOLLOWS
QUOTE DEAR BROTHER AND COMRADE, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND THE VALIANT PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE ON THIS HISTORIC OCCASION WHICH MARKS THE TRIUMPH OF YOUR PROTRACTED STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. I AM CONVINCED THAT AS THE NEW MOZAMBIQUE IS BEING BORN, THE REVOLUTION WHICH YOU SET IN MOTION MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO WILL BE CONTINUED WITH MORE VIGOUR AND STERNER DETERMINATION SO THAT THE RESPECT, THE DIGNITY AND INDEED THE WHOLE PERSONALITY OF MOZAMBIQUE CAN BE RESTORED FOR ALL TIME. DEAR BROTHER AND COMRADE, THE ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE BY YOUR GREAT COUNTRY IS YET ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE MARCH TOWARDS THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM IN AFRICA. I AM SURE IT
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WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE AFRICA ACHIEVES THE FINAL VICTORY.

"ALUTTA CONTINUA" END QUOTE.

2. THE SECOND, DATED JUNE 25, BEARS THE TITLE MESSAGE TO
THE PRESIDENT OF MOZAMBIQUE COMRADE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL
MOISES AND READS AS FOLLOWS QUOTE I WISH TO CONGRATULATE
YOU ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY OF
THE NEWLY BORN POPULAR REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE. I AM FULLY
CONFIDENT THAT THE SKILL WITH WHICH YOU PILOTED THE REVOLU-
TION WILLCONTINUE TO MANIFEST ITSELF AS YOU BEGIN THE ARDUOUS
TASK OF RECONSTRUCTING MOZAMBIQUE FROM THE RAVAGES OF FIVE
HUNDRED YEARS OF COLONIAL EXPLOITATION. MOZAMBIQUE IS INDEED
FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH AN EMINENT REVOLUTIONARY AS ITS LEADER
AND FREE AFRICA WILL BE PROUD TO DRAW FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE
AS IT INTENSIFIES THE STRUGGLE TOWARDS THE TOTAL LIBERATION
OF THE CONTINENT. THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA JOIN ME IN CONVEYING
THROUGH YOU THEIR FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO THE GALLANT PEOPLE
OF MOZAMBIQUE. WE ALL WISH YOU WELL. END QUOTE.

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